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SUBJECT: DETENTION OF BRITISH SUBJECT BY GOZ

REF: KINSHASA 8914, LUANDA 1448

1. HEAD OF CHANCERY, BRITISH EMBASSY, SAW CHARGE OCTOBER 17 AND REQUESTED FOLLOWING INFORMATION REGARDING MARTIN CASE BE PASSED TO CONSULATE. BULA SUMMONED HIM NIGHT OF OCTOBER 16 TO SAY THAT FAZA CESSNA WITH TWO MILITARY CREW MEMBERS HAD BEEN FORCED DOWN IN PORTUGALIA ON SUNDAY DUE TO BAD WEATHER. PLANE WAS SEIZED BY MPLA. CREW WAS TAKEN PRISONER AND CHARGED WITH BEING MERCENARIES. IN LIGHT OF BRITISH INTEREST IN MARTIN DETENTION, BULA THEN SUGGESTED POSSIBILITY OF WORKING OUT AN EXCHANGE; I.E. MARTIN FOR ZAIRIAN CREW AND AIRCRAFT. BRITISH REACTION TO SUGGESTION IS THAT SITUATIONS ARE NOT COMPARABLE, BUT THEY ARE PONDERING QUESTION.

2. COMMENT: ZAIRIAN PRESS CARRIED TODAY REPORT OF MPLA SEIZURE OF CESSNA AND DETENTION OF ITS TWO CREW MEMBERS AS MERCENARIES. REPORT FURTHER REVALED THAT TWENTY DAYS BEFORE, A CESSNA FROM LUANDA HAD BEEN FORCED DOWN IN ZAIRIAN TERRITORY UNDER SIMILAR CIRCUMSTANCES BUT THAT GOZ HAD  
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"UNDERSTOOD SITUATION" AND HAD NOT TREATED CREW AS MERCENARIES.

FACTS HAVE OBVIOUSLY BEEN SOMEWHAT DISTORTED.

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